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Do You Remember?

EX-FIRE CHIEF Charles R. Hixon, '07, now head professor of mechanical engineering at Auburn, could tell you many vibrating stories of his days as a student and young A.P.I. instructor. Professor Hixon's mind photographs events and incidents far better than does the camera he uses in his hobby, photography.

Bach in the baby years of this century, football and the accompanying rallies caused most of the excitement for students during the fall months, says Prof. Hixon. Before every game, freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors would gather at the train station to see the team depart.

Oftentimes, the students would hold wet paint brushes against the moving train, leaving it with long, multicolored stripes. After that, they would go to all the head professors' homes, and the profs would come out and make a football speech.

Then and Now

Much of the daily activity was concerned with the trains, and conductors as far as Chicago dreaded to pass through Auburn. Pajama parades were popular then, too, Prof. Hixon revealed, and students would at times startle unwary passengers with a parade down through the train.

"John the Baptist"

At another time a number of students went to Columbus to see a game; upon arrival, they realized they had no place to stay, all the hotels being full.

Undismayed, they headed for the nearest church, which turned out to be Baptist.

They slept in the aisles. However, one of them decided the pulpit would serve as a softer bed. He went up and promptly fell into the baptismal pool, and acquired the name: "John the Baptist."

Carnival Tent Incident

The incident when the carnival tent was tied to the train happened during Prof. Hixon's undergraduate days, and he explained that the story has been exaggerated considerably since it happened. He also related that the night before, all the ropes of the tent had been cut. There was an argument, and the students wanted to take the show's monkey home with them.

Naturally, the sideshow manager refused the request, and that was the beginning of undeclared war against the show.

During the same carnival the boys cut the tails off the horses on the merry-go-round, then nailed them to the ponies' foreheads. All of them tried to ride free and finally made an agreement with the operator that any boy he could catch would have to pay. It turned out to really be a merry-go-round, after that.

Fire-Chief Days

At a later date, when Prof. Hixon was a young

instructor, he was appointed volunteer fire chief. The town had only a two-wheel hose reel. When the fire alarm was sounded (three shots), all students would rush to the hose cart and push it to the scene of the disaster.

The streets were all sand then, Prof. Hixon continued, and it was really difficult to push the thing. Very often, he said, the students did more damage than the fire. They would crawl all over a house, chopping holes in the roof and tossing all the furniture out into the street.

Finally, a second-hand fire engine was located in Montgomery, and Prof. Hixon and Dean Wilmore went down to get it. It took them six hours to make the trip back, and the road was very rough. So rough, in fact, that Boozer Pitts once lost a passenger while traveling towards Auburn.

A student named WalTour was in the back seat when the amazing incident occurred. Boozer had been talking to the boy for some time when he looked around and realized that his companion was not there. After some miles of backtracking, he found the boy sprawled in the middle of the road.

The new fire engine worked okay, Prof. Hixon mused, except that he had trouble starting the thing, and sometimes the old hose reel would beat them to the fire.

The Team of '93...



The husky, unbeaten Auburn team of 1893 defeated Alabama two times, once in the fall with a score

of 40-16, and once in the spring with a score of 32-22. If you can identify the above players, drop

a line to the Editor, The Auburn Alumnews. Names of the '93 players will appear in the next issue

Is Everybody Happy?

By Harry M. "Happy" Davis
Executive Secretary
Auburn Alumni Association



SINCE THIS WILL BE the last issue before the football game of December 4 between Auburn and the University, I can't help but comment on the tremendous amount of effort which has been put forth in order to make this one of the most sportsmanlike exhibitions in history.

Student leaders at both Auburn and Alabama have just about wound up all conferences, and from what I can gather, have left no stones unturned. Here are some of the things they have decided:

1. There will be a parade. By flipping a coin, it was decided that Alabama will go first this year. Floats will be of equal expense, etc. The parade begins at 10:30 a.m.

2. Program formalities will be conducted by the chairmen of the athletic committees.

3. Auburn's band will perform first during the 20-minute half-time.

4. A trophy will be presented by a student organization to the winning team. The trophy will never become permanent property of either school.

5. The dance will be sponsored jointly by the social committees of each school.

6. Pep rallies will be broadcast from script and as worked out between the two student bodies. This broadcast is presently planned for 7:30 on December 2.

As we have said, these are just some of the points which have been cleared up by representatives of the student bodies. No one doubts but that there will be complete harmony as far as the student bodies are concerned. I don't think it necessary to even mention the possibility of an alumnus doing anything that would reflect on his or her alma mater.

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"Lowering of the Boom"

We can't help but appreciate the manner in which President Ralph Draughon's lovely daughter, Ann, describes the action of the Board of Trustees in appointing Dr. Draughon president as a "lowering of the boom on Daddy." Our adopted daughter spoke more truth than poetry. Certainly no one group of people are more overworked and underpaid than college presidents.

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I'll be booked in the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham on December 3 and 4. Look me up!

Club News

The Atlanta Club

AT THE MEETING of the Atlanta Club held in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Biltmore Hotel, on Friday night, October 15, 1948, the following were elected as officers:

President—James Edwin Hickey, Jr., '17
200 Peachtree Arcade
Atlanta, Georgia
Vice-President—William C. Sugg, '31
520 Ponce de Leon Place
Decatur, Georgia
Vice-President—Marion P. Talley, '34
3934 Powers Ferry Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia
Sec.-Treasurer—Dr. H. W. Allsup, '38
240 Doctors Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

The 1947-48 officers of the Atlanta Club have officiated over the organization during one of its most successful years. They included President Roy B. Sewell, '22, Vice-President

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James E. Hickey, '17, and Secretary-Treasurer J. M. "Bunche" Fowler, '39.

Tampa Auburn Club

FEATURING SUCH GALA AFFAIRS as a Spanish dinner at the Las Novedades Restaurant, the Tampa Auburn Club's festivities during the Florida game weekend were tops.

Auburn coaches and A.P.I. representatives were treated royally, and they all appreciate the excellent work which the Tampa Auburn Club put forth.

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY thanks to both the Valley Club, of West Point, Ga., and

the Morgan County, Ala., Club for contributing so generously to the Greater Auburn Fund.

Valley Auburn Club

MAJOR OFFICERS of the Valley Auburn Club, elected at a meeting last month, are:

President _____ C. R. Williams, '34
700 E. 6th St.
West Point, Ga.
Vice President _____ E. L. Stewart, '31
Lafayette, Ala.
Secretary _____ Mrs. Robert Altman, '43
8 Avenue D
Lanett, Ala.

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ALUMNUS of the MONTH

Bill Streit, '07, Has Refereed In Over 600 Football Games

THE AUBURN STARS really fell on Alabama in that memorable football game of 1904. Even the **Orange and Blue**, scholarly A.P.I. college newspaper of that day, broke its reserve and highly praised the home team.

One of the greatest Auburn players in that 1904 game was C. W. "Bill" Streit, Jr., left tackle, who made three of A.P.I.'s four touchdowns.

"Bill" gives the credit to Coach Mike Donahue, though, and to the other outstanding players that year.

"We won all of our games that year," he says, "Tech, Georgia, Mississippi A&M—all of them."

Bill Streit likes to talk about Mike Donahue and those great games during the first years of this century.

"Mike used tackles like halfbacks. That's

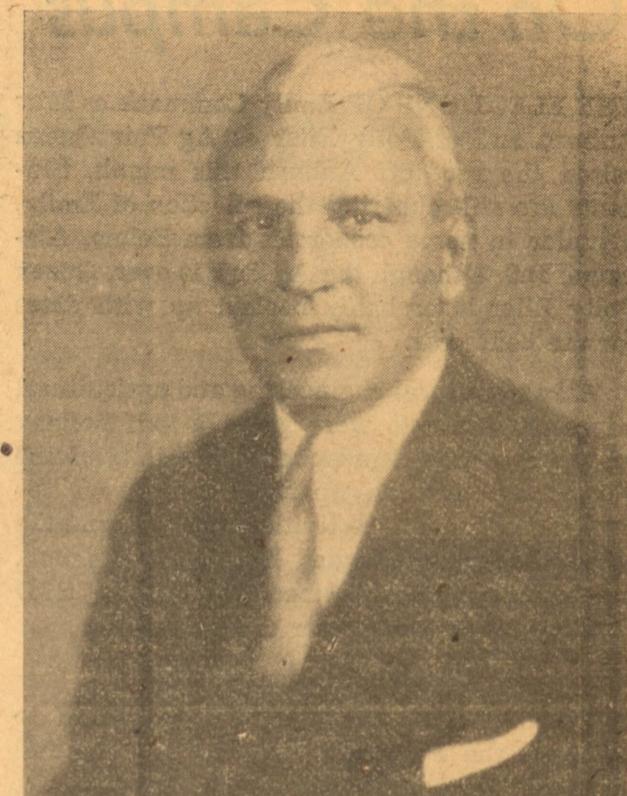
Manager of the American Olympic Team in the World Olympics at Paris in '24, Amsterdam in '28, California in '32, and Berlin in '36. This year, he attended the London Olympics as a committee member.

"Bill Streit, said the **Atlanta Journal Magazine** of October 13, 1946, "has served (as an official field judge) in more than 400 contests—one in the Rose Bowl, eight Georgia Tech-Notre Dame games, nine Tech-Georgia games, 16 Vanderbilt-Sewanee games. Seldom was one of his decisions disputed; never was his fairness or sportsmanship impugned."

The Most Startling Play

"The most startling play he ever saw? It was football's classic 'boner'—Roy Riegels' run the wrong way in the Georgia Tech-California Rose Bowl game of January 1, 1929. Bill was field judge and followed the boy in his mad dash toward his own goal.

"As Bill tells it, 'After Riegels had been brought to earth one foot from goal, by the tackle of his teammate, Bennie Lom, he asked



Former great Plains football player Bill Streit has been selected A.P.I.'s Alumnus of the Month

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why I was called in to make those touchdowns in the Auburn-Alabama game."

Assistant Coach

By the time he left college, Bill was so interested in football that he wanted to make a career of it. In 1911, he came back to Auburn and helped coach a team which lost only three games. In that year, A.P.I. beat Georgia Tech, 11-6, and soundly defeated Mercer, Clemson and Mississippi A&M.

The **Glomerata** had this to say about Assistant Coach Bill Streit: "Bill, formerly known as 'Easy', was one of the chief factors in bringing Auburn's football season to so successful a conclusion. There is no alumnus who has the interest of Auburn more at heart than Bill . . . Auburn was his first love and has always held a foremost place in his affections.

"Last fall was not the first time in which he came to Auburn's aid. In the fall of 1910, he found time to render efficient aid, and he will not be found wanting in the future when called on . . . Faithful and energetic, he always gave the best he had; Auburn will not soon forget the faithful service of Coach Bill."

An All-Round Athlete

Bill has always been an all-round athlete. While at Auburn, he not only starred in football, but he also made quite a name in early 20th-century track and basketball.

"Our most important basketball games used to be with Howard, the Birmingham Athletic Club, and the Montgomery Athletic Club," he says. "The Howard game was always tough. We almost always had evenly matched teams."

Today, Bill's large shoulders indicate that he is no miser when it comes to physical exercise. That is further illustrated by his magnificent sports record. Although acting upon the advice of Mike Donahue and upon his own inclination, Bill left the scholastic field in 1912, he holds prodigious honors in the national amateur athletic field.

"I always wanted to go into sales work," Bill points out, "and Mike told me not to stay in the coaching line of work. He said that there was not much of a living wage in it, and such was true then."

Accepts Sales Position

So, in 1916, Bill accepted a position with the Southern Cement Company as sales manager. He is now vice president, plus sales manager, of that large Alabama company.

Throughout the last 32 years, though, he has officiated in more football games than there are fingers on 50 hands and toes on 50 feet. He was

me in a boyish, puzzled sort of way, why he pulled such a silly stunt. I answered him simply with the statement that he had merely made a mistake, just as bankers and heads of big corporations made mistakes. The answer seemed to satisfy him. As a matter of fact, he admitted that he wasn't out of his head—an explanation that has been given for his act . . ."

The Worst Shock

The **Journal Magazine** tells the story of the worst shock of Bill's officiating career. It came in a Vandy-Sewanee game in 1922. "George Waller, Vandy back, intercepted a pass and was tackled by Miller so violently that both made a full loop before hitting the sod. Fearing both boys were hurt, Bill rushed up. To his horror, one of Waller's eyes was gone.

"Bill wildly waved his arms to stop all action on the field and started for the Vanderbilt bench to tell Dan McGuin of the tragic accident, when Waller sat up and, sensing the official's cause of distress, said, 'Hell, Mr. Referee, my eye is in the dressing room. It's glass and I never wear it in a game.'"

From the time he helped organize it in 1921, until 1938, Bill Streit served as president of the Southeastern Amateur Athletic Union. Re-elected president in 1942, he occupied that office until October 1 of this year, when he firmly refused another re-election. Thus, he has served for more than 20 years of the SEAAU's 27-year existence as its head.

More Than 625 Games!

A former president of the Southeastern Football Officials' Association, Bill has refereed or officiated in more than 625 football games during the past 30 years, an average of more than 20 games a year.

Having attended almost all of Auburn's games throughout the last 40 years, Bill is an expert on football at A.P.I. "I believe that Auburn will do excellently under Earl Brown and Wilbur Hutsell," he states. "Wilbur is an experienced hand in the sports field."

Coach Wilbur Hutsell, now A.P.I. Athletic Director, was brought to Auburn in 1921, when Bill Streit served as Chairman of the Athletic Committee. The faith which Bill first placed in Coach Hutsell has been maintained over the past quarter of a decade. For it is Coach Hutsell who has carried three Auburn track men through to the Olympics.

"He's a great coach," Mr. Streit added; "one

of the outstanding track coaches in the country."

Bill remembers well Percy Beard's good showing at the 1932 California Olympic Meet. Percy finished second in the high hurdles there.

Bill himself is far from being a novice in track. Besides occupying a berth on the '05 Auburn track team, he refereed at SEC track meets for 16 years. He counts as one of the most singular honors bestowed upon him his election this year to Spiked Shoe as an honorary member. Spiked Shoe is an organization of track letter-men in the SEC.

Wrestling is another of Bill Streit's sidelines. He has served as member and chairman of many American Olympic Wrestling Committees.

In 1921, 1922 and 1923, Bill was president of the Birmingham Athletic Club. He was, in 1944, elected to the presidency of the Monday Morning Quarterback Club. Bill furthermore holds membership in Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity and the Jefferson County Auburn Club.

But Bill would rather talk about Auburn and his days as a student here above anything else. "I used to know Professor Dunstan real well when I was in school," he smiles in recollection. "I remember Miss Allie Glenn and Professor Tubby Hill and Deap Hare as being among my favorites on the campus."

Bill's wife is the former Elizabeth Hudson, of Montgomery, Alabama. Mrs. Streit is an alumna of Washington Seminary, in Washington, D. C.

Mild-mannered Bill Streit leans back comfortably in his swivel chair when he's talking to you. On top of his head is a mass of hair which has been white for years. From behind his glasses, his eyes brilliantly twinkle with a sharpness that belies his age.

Even though plenty of work is piled up on his desk, Bill will push it aside when an Auburn man walks into his office. He's devoted to Auburn, and he believes that under the new college administration his Alma Mater will achieve great things.

The 1912 **Glomerata** said, "Auburn will not soon forget the faithful service of Coach Bill." No, Auburn will never forget what Bill Streit, November Alumnus of the Month, has done for this Institution.

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On the Campus

THE ELECTIONS OF Emily Cammack as Miss Auburn and of Polly Eller as Ag Fair Queen raised the roof off Auburn this month. Students are still cheering the selection of Emily, a junior in home economics from Selma, Alabama, and, although the Ag Fair is over, Queen Polly Eller is probably booked up with dates for the next year.

All agricultural engineering and agricultural education students were given a half holiday on Ag Fair Day, November 3. Exhibits of the various agricultural departments were on display in the Student Activities Building, and the celebration was climaxed by a Farmer's Ball. Ed Bottcher, '28, announcer for NBC's "RFD America," acted as master of ceremonies.

Publications

FOUR SENIORS HAVE BEEN appointed to serve on the Publications Board for the fall quarter. They are Charlie Jones, of Greenville, Ala.; Jimmy Kendrick, of Fort Walton, Fla.; Pat Prizer, of Pressman's Home, Tenn.; and Paul Sarvis, of Sylacauga, Ala.

Recommendations for the board are made by T. C. Clark, director of student affairs, and the Student Executive Cabinet accepts those whom it thinks are best qualified.

The Helm, a bi-monthly newspaper, was organized on Tuesday, October 26, by members of the NROTC unit at Auburn. This paper will be written with the help of their advisor, Lieutenant Robert Adrian.

Who's Who

A NUMBER OF AUBURN students, 29 altogether, have had the quite notable distinction of being named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Members of the faculty name this group each year, and those lucky students who are selected win recognition in a book entitled "Who's Who Among Students...."

Best Student

BILLIE G. SNEED has been presented the American Society of Agriculture Engineering award for being voted the outstanding freshman in the field of agricultural engineering during the past year. Qualifications for the award are based on scholastic ratings, outside activities, and leadership abilities.

Billie is a member of the Ag Club, Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, and Westminster Foundation.

Torchlight Parade

THE PRE-WAR TRADITION of a torchlight parade before the Vanderbilt football game was reinstated on Thursday, October 28. The whole



Pretty Ag Queen Polly Eller, above, reigned over Auburn's festive Ag Fair celebrations this year



At this year's Homecoming, alumni, friends, and classmates of new President Ralph B. Draughon, '22,

are photographed congratulating him upon his promotion to the highest position in their alma mater

town of Auburn was "lit up" by the parade, which marched through the main streets.

Dumas Speaks to Group

HAL S. DUMAS, '11, president of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, spoke on October 22 to the 56 initiates of Tau Beta Pi, A.P.I. honorary engineering fraternity.

"The South has a great building opportunity in its grasp," Mr. Dumas stated. "Something is really happening here. In my own company it took us 50 years to put out our first million telephones. The second million required 17 years, and our third million has been reached in less than three years.

"The South has the opportunity to profit by the mistakes of other sections of the country in building a civilization which is the finest man has ever put together," Mr. Dumas said.

He cited six major qualifications of a good engineer: "never be a yes man; be able to put yourself in the other man's shoes; maintain morale in supervisory personnel; be able to take constructive criticism; don't alibi; and have courage."

AIO To Sponsor Scholarship

THE AUBURN INDEPENDENT Organization has voted to sponsor a scholarship for a worthy Alabama student. Terms of the scholarship call for the fund to begin with the fall quarter of each academic year, but due to the late start this quarter, special arrangements have been made to begin the scholarship in the winter quarter of next year.

The scholarship will be financed by receipts from the annual "King for a Day" activities sponsored by the independents. It will be given to a woman student, preferably. To qualify, the student must not have completed more than the first quarter of the sophomore year. The scholarship will cover basic fees and tuition not in excess of \$45 per quarter.

Eta Kappa Nu

THIRTY-SIX STUDENTS FROM the junior and senior classes of the electrical engineering department were recently elected to membership in Auburn's Xi chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, national honorary fraternity. Election to Eta Kappa Nu is based on scholastic achievement, personality, participation in campus activities,

and the cooperation shown to classmates and professors while in college.

Cake Race

ONLY TWO WEEKS REMAIN until the Annual Wilbur Hutsell-ODK Cake Race, an old Auburn tradition. Coach Hutsell has announced that the track is available for all trainees desiring to use it.

Competition is expected to be particularly keen this year, with no favorites known. In the past two years the cake race has been won by outstanding high school track men, but this year, there is no one candidate who stands above the field.

Clyde H. Cantrell

CLYDE H. CANTRELL, director of A.P.I. Libraries, was elected treasurer of the college and university section of the Southeastern Library Association for 1948-1950, at its meeting in Louisville, Ky. While at the meeting, Mr. Cantrell served on the nominating committee.

Robert Shaw Chorale

ROBERT SHAW, WITH his Varsity Chorale, appeared at Auburn on October 26, and received one of the greatest ovations from students ever given an event sponsored by the Concert and Lecture Committee.

The program consisted of choral literature, including Bach, Brahms, hymns of the Revolutionary Period, Negro spirituals, and modern choral music.

Eat 'Em Up, Tiger!

HEAR THOSE CHEERS for Auburn's 1948 football team? Have you seen the streamlined cheerleaders down on the sidelines? They are the result of a revitalized group of cheerleaders, led by Jimmy Kendrick, senior from Fort Walton, Fla.

Campus Calendar

Nov. 20	Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov. 25-29	Auburn vs. Clemson (Mobile)
Nov. 27	Social Committee (Dances)
Dec. 4	Auburn vs. Alabama (Birmingham)
Dec. 13-15	Final Exams
Dec. 15	Graduation
Dec. 16-Jan. 2	Christmas Holidays

OUT OF TOWN AUDIENCES will see three productions by the Auburn Players this season, Telfair B. Peet, professor of dramatic arts at A.P.I., has announced.

Inaugurating the presentations was "The Imaginary Invalid," a light period comedy by Moliere, which opened in Langdon Hall on November 9. Two other comedies will be produced this season, "Candida," by George Bernard Shaw, opening in Auburn on January 24, and "Candle Light," by Siegfried Geyer.

The latter is being directed by Robert Blackburn, senior in dramatic arts, and will open at A.P.I. on November 29. A fourth play, not yet decided upon, will be presented in the spring.

New-type Stage

All of the plays, with the exception of "Candle Light," will be taken on the road with the aid of Prof. Peet's recently invented portable stage. The equipment, composed of aluminum pipe and draperies, is adaptable in size and so light and compact that it can be broken down and transported in the trunk of an automobile.

Prof. Peet demonstrated his invention in New York this year, and when all the bugs are worked out, he plans to



Professor Telfair B. Peet shows Jim Masey, a member of the Auburn Players, how he wants the scenery painted. Prof. Peet's new stage is on the right.

share his information with other groups on how to build such portable stages.

Out-of-town Productions

The Players' productions may be brought to any community for a nominal fee, according to Prof. Peet. The Players furnish their own scenery, lighting, and costumes. The sponsor is asked to provide only the auditorium and a few easily obtained pieces of furniture, such as sofas and chairs.

"The Imaginary Invalid" will be available for out-of-town booking between November 13 and December 3. "Candida" will be available between January 24 and February 12.

For towns very close to Auburn, it is possible that a play may be given for as little as \$30 or \$35. If travel is up to 100 or 150 miles, the cost goes up accordingly. In cases where meals and hotel accommodations are necessary, the sponsoring group is expected to provide them.

Alumni Are Generous

Prof. Peet has also informed us "that Auburn alumni have proved most generous in taking in college students on such trips."

Last year, six major productions were presented. Of 53 showings, 13 were off the campus and played to well over 10,000 persons.

Those interested in further information on bookings should communicate with Prof. Telfair B. Peet, in care of the Department of Dramatic Arts, Auburn.

Fraternities Are Thriving

RUSHING IS ALL OVER, and it's nip and tuck as to which fraternity out of the 19 on the campus came out with a top number of pledges.

The over-all totals show a decrease from a 1946 postwar round-up, which then indicated that the Greeks were pushing 2,000 in membership.

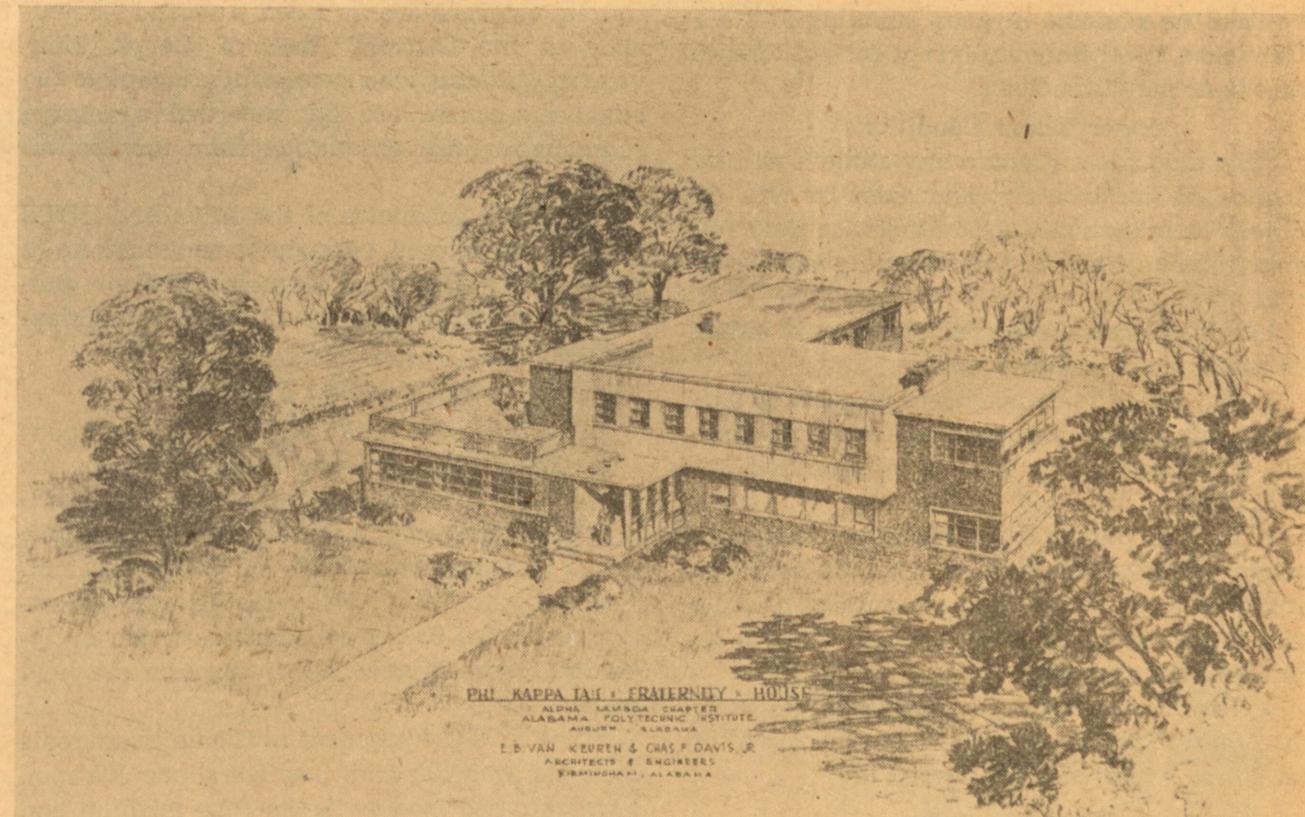
Today, Auburn's 19 fraternities, which form an integral part of the Institution's educational pattern, touch the lives of almost 1800 undergraduates. With 18 houses, they provide living and dining spaces for over 600 students.

Of the 1,100 new freshmen here this quarter, an approximate survey reveals that only 375 have been pledged by the busy fraternities. Divided by the 19 Greeks, that figure gives each fraternity an average of 19.7 potential members.

Approximate estimates made by the fraternities themselves show that Omega Tau Sigma, veterinary fraternity, and Sigma Chi can boast the largest freshman classes, each of those chapters having pledged close to 30 men.

Three of Auburn's fraternities have memberships of 100 or more. Included in this group are the Phi Kappa Taus, who have approximately 115 active members. Following close behind in membership are the Pi Kappa Alphas and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon's, each of whose actives total 100.

The fraternities not only serve A.P.I. by accommodating a large number of students, but they also promote worthwhile campus activities



A good example of the growth of Auburn Fraternities and of what can be expected of them in the

future is Phi Kappa Tau. The PKTs plan to begin construction on their new house in March

and add much beauty to the town and college with their artistically designed buildings and well-kept grounds.

It is recognized that they bring young men and women together and give them real insight into successful living by teaching them to live in close harmony with each other.

While the great majority of Auburn's fraternities which possess houses are purely social in nature, three classify themselves as professional. Alpha Psi and Omega Tau Sigma restrict their memberships to students in the

School of Veterinary Medicine, drawing their pledges from those students taking the pre-vet courses.

Alpha Gamma Rho is composed of those students studying agriculture and allied fields.

Auburn's youngest fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, has recently purchased a house on East Magnolia Street that will provide living space for about 30 members. Coming to the campus in July, 1947, the Beta Lambda chapter was the second in the South, the first being at Louisiana Tech.

SECOND ONLY TO THE national election as a topic of discussion this fall has been the draft. Everywhere on the campus, students—sons of alumni and friends of Auburn—are talking about the draft. The big question is: "Will I be called into service?"

"Many Auburn students," says Colonel George M. Williamson, ROTC Commandant at A.P.I., "faced with a possible call to active duty under the provisions of the Selective Service Act of 1948, may, under certain conditions, if enrolled in the ROTC Unit, be deferred from induction."

"Students who served in the Armed Forces during World War II (veterans) will be exempted from a call to duty under this act, continued Col. Williamson, although they were required to register with local Selective Service boards if they had not passed their 25th birthday."

"Non-veteran ROTC students will be granted deferment under quotas established by the Department of the Army and Department of the Air Force. The professor of military science and tactics at Auburn will, in conjunction with the Institution's authorities, establish a committee which will recommend ROTC students for deferment to the PMS&T or the PMS&T for Air. This committee will contain representatives of the military and academic faculties."

"ROTC students' records, both military and academic in the college, will be considered by this committee in selecting students for deferment. Leadership ability will be considered,



Many are the opportunities offered sons of alumni and friends of this college. The ROTC and NROTC

Units boast almost one million dollars worth of equipment. Several ROTC activities are shown here

Stand By for Uncle Sam

and any applicant judged deficient in leadership qualities may, at the discretion of the committee, be eliminated.

"An ROTC student selected for deferment will continue to be deferred from induction for service until completion of the ROTC course of instruction and the college educational course, provided he remains in good standing and his attendance is continuous, except for authorized periods of non-attendance.

Under These Conditions

"The deferment granted any student will be terminated immediately, and then he will be subject to induction unless otherwise deferred or exempted, if any of the following conditions exist:

1. Fails to remain in good standing in either his academic or military course.
2. Has failed to demonstrate proper and sufficient aptitude to indicate that further instruction will qualify him for a commissioned appointment.
3. Fails to pursue the ROTC course throughout any semester or term in which he normally would be expected to be in attendance, or if he fails to attend camp when ordered thereto by competent authority.
4. Declines or fails to accept a commissioned appointment in a component of the Army or Air Force when and if tendered him.

The Agreement

"At the present time, non-veteran students making application for entrance into the advanced course must sign an agreement to serve on active duty for a period of two years after graduation if called by the Secretary of the Army or Secretary of the Air Force.

"Four branches of the Army Field Forces are being offered to Advanced Course ROTC students. They are: Field Artillery, Armored Cavalry, Corp of Engineers and Signal Corps. In addition, the Air Force maintains a large unit at Auburn. During the first two years, instruction is of a general nature, equally applying to all branches of the service.

"During the second two years of instruction, which is voluntary and for which the students are paid, students are permitted to choose the

branch which they desire, within certain quota limitations.

"Upon successful completion of the advanced course, veterans are awarded a second lieutenancy in the Officers' Reserve Corps. Non-veteran students who successfully complete the advanced course are not awarded a reserve commission until graduation from the Institution.

"Selected graduates of the Advanced ROTC Course are offered permanent commissions in the Regular Army and Regular Air Force provided they fulfill all conditions for such appointment.

The Training Program

"Practical training with actual weapons and equipment occupies a large portion of the students' time while in class, so that he is well-grounded, not only in theory, but also in the actual physical knowledge of the equipment. The combined Army-Navy-Air Hangar recently constructed by the college houses this equipment. Classes in practical instruction are held there.

"The ROTC equipment available to students includes four 105 mm. howitzers, one 155 mm. howitzer, two modern tanks (one medium and one light), an armored car, half track, artillery high speed tractor (M-5), trucks, jeeps, signal equipment, including various types of radios used in the service, field artillery survey and fire control equipment, and sundry other items of equipment and training aids used in the service.

"Visitors to Auburn are invited to inspect this equipment at the Army-Navy hangar at any time, and to witness the drill formations of the ROTC Regiment on Bullard Field, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from one until two o'clock.

"Two hours each week are spent on the drill field, and strong emphasis is placed on the acceptance of responsibility and leadership. During this period each ROTC student is closely

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observed by members of the military faculty to determine leadership ability.

"As the student progresses in his military training, he is called upon more and more to command small units and to give less experienced students the instruction that they require."

The NROTC . . .

"Although the Naval Reserve Officer's Training Corps at A.P.I. is far from being as large as the ROTC Unit, it is of no less importance to the potential draftees, high school seniors, and college freshmen. About 80 years younger than ROTC here, the NROTC Unit has progressed rapidly since it was initiated at Auburn in 1946.

Types of Candidates

"There are three types of NROTC officer candidates, according to Captain L. M. Markham, Jr., head of the Unit at Auburn.

"Regular NROTC students are appointed midshipmen, USNR. Such students assume an obligation to make all required summer practice cruises and to serve at least 15 months or, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy, two years, on active duty after commissioning as ensign, U. S. Navy, or second lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps, unless sooner released by the Secretary of the Navy. They may remain as career officers in the regular Navy or Marine Corps.

Contract Student Signs, Too

"Because of the Selective Service Act, the contract, or second type of student, must sign an agreement, as does the Regular Student, that he will serve for two years in the Navy after receiving his commission—at the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy—if his service is considered necessary. The contract student is paid subsistence during his junior and senior years (about \$24 a month), and he receives books and uniforms.

"With the approval of the academic authori-
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Job Service

THIS COLUMN, EDITED by W. S. Farley, '46, director of the Graduate Placement Office, and written by **Alumnews** staff member Boyd Hinton, presents to alumni and graduating seniors a listing of organizations accepting applications for positions.

Mechanical Engineering

The Regan Company, Old Shell Road, Mobile, Alabama, has an opening in refrigeration and air conditioning work for a mechanical engineering graduate.

Shook and Fletcher Supply Company, 1814 First Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, is in need of a mechanical engineer to do sales work with air conditioning and heating equipment.

Mechanical-Chemical Engineering

The Newport Industries, Oakdale, Virginia, has an opening for a mechanical or chemical engineering graduate in the field of naval stores industries.

Mechanical-Civil Engineering

A mechanical or civil engineering graduate is needed by the Mundet Cork Corporation, 339 Elizabeth Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, to do sales work.

Chemistry

The Institute of Textile Technology of Charlottesville, Virginia, has an opening for a chemistry graduate to do advanced graduate work in textile chemistry.

The American Agricultural Chemical Com-

New Heating Plant

A new heating plant for the college, costing \$166,000, is being put into operation this fall, and the College's new Forestry Building, a modern brick structure on Mell Street, was opened in July at a cost of \$250,000, including equipment.

Buildings Spring Up

OLD GRADUATES who returned to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute for Homecoming festivities on October 2 found drastic changes on the campus of their alma mater in the way of a building and improvement program totaling more than \$2,000,000.

According to Sam F. Brewster, director of buildings and grounds, most of the changes have taken place since October of 1947.

Drill Field

The Department of Building and Grounds is grading a seven-acre drill field for the use of students in the ROTC and NROTC units here. The drill field is located on a tract which the alumni will remember as the college golf course. It is adjacent to the \$98,000 military building just completed and ready for use for the first time this fall.

The "old grads" further found, at Homecoming, a realization of a dream come true in the new Sports Arena, which was completed late in the spring at a cost of \$123,000. Used scarcely at all during the summer quarter, the arena will be the scene of many sports events this winter and doubles as an auditorium at commencement.

Men's Dormitory

With the opening of the fall quarter, 431 A.P.I. boys moved into the new men's dormitory on West Magnolia. The building was completed barely two months ago at a cost of \$1,025,000.

Designed by H. L. Holman, '24, an Ozark, Ala., architect, the dormitory was constructed by the Daniel Construction Company, of Birmingham, Ala. It required two years to complete.

pany, 50 Church Street, New York, N. Y., is in need of an analytical chemist for work in Florida.

Building Construction-Architectural Engineering

The Lumber Fabrication Incorporated, Fort

John H. Little, '90, is pictured at right flanked by Dick Robertson, left, and Dana Sue Gibson, Auburn drum majorette, right. (See story on page eleven.)

Payne, Alabama, is in need of a building construction or architectural engineering graduate.

Building Construction-Civil or Architectural Engineering

The Rust Engineering Company, Birmingham, Alabama, offers opportunities to graduates in civil and architectural engineering and in building construction.

Business Administration

The J. C. Penny Company, Montgomery, Alabama, has an opening for a business administration graduate to do merchandise work.

Salesmen

The National Blank Book Company, Holyoke, Massachusetts, needs a college graduate to work in a sales capacity.

Electrical Engineering

An electrical engineering graduate is needed by the Otis Elevator Company, 2310 Third Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

Entomology

The Headquarters Infantry Center, Civilian Personnel Officer, Fort Benning, Georgia, advises of an opportunity for an entomology graduate.

Auburn Club of Tampa

THE AUBURN CLUB of Tampa did a fine job this month of publicizing and producing alumni activities there paralleling the Auburn-Florida football game. T. J. Miles, '11, is president of the Tampa club, and Henry G. Redding, '20, secretary-treasurer.

Thank You...

To William C. Sugg, '31; Thomas F. Hobart, '27; Luther A. Smith, '29; Hugh Cottle, '34; Rodney Ollinger, '21; Shelton C. Pinion, '39; George R. Bowling, '17; and Harry Campbell, '39, the Alumni Association extends thanks and congratulations for nominating such excellent 1948-49 officers. The above alumni were members of the 1948-49 nominating committee.

The dormitory is divided into eight sections, is fireproof throughout, and contains five exits. It will be dedicated later in the year and named in honor of Auburn students who are veterans of World War II.

The dormitory has four main lounges, lavishly furnished in modern and Old English furniture. It has a cafeteria with a seating capacity of 500, and a soda fountain will soon be opened in the building.

Six guest rooms in the dormitory are provided for emergency use of parents and visitors to the college. Reservations for these rooms must be made through Mrs. J. D. Thomas, who has been named matron, and who will be on duty at all times.

L. R. Graham, former FPHA director at Auburn, has been named manager of the dormitory, and LeRoy Lawrence, '47, has been named assistant manager and advisor to the men students in residence there.



Judgment Day

I WAS IN THE FIRST automobile that drove down a remote road in Lee County, where we came upon a group of darkies picking cotton. We stopped to listen and watch; hence this rhyme:

Git down on your knees, it's time to pray.
Yonder come Jesus er ridin' dis way!
Ain't no horses to pull him er long—
'Gin praisin' de Lord by singin' a song!
Glory be!

Look at de white folks er ridin', too,
Maybe dey's comin' after me and you!
Oh, lordy, listen! Dare's Gabriel's horn—
It's de Judgement Day, jes show's you're born.
Praise de Lord!

Stop dat runnin'! Fall on your knees!
You can't hide out behind dem trees!
Now sing and pray, I'll go down and see—
Ef it ain't Marse John! Skeered de wits out er me!
Hallelujah, glory be!

—Mary Evelyn Robinson

Football Tickets

FOOTBALL TICKET sales and distribution of football tickets are handled by the Athletic Department, A.P.I., Auburn, Alabama. For information relating to such matters and for better service on football tickets, it is better to refer your inquiries directly to the Athletic Department.

Stand By for Uncle Sam

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ties, a limited number of students who are ineligible for enrollment in the NROTC may be permitted to pursue Naval Science courses for college credit. These students are not eligible to make NROTC cruises, cannot be paid any compensation or benefits, and have no special rating under the Selective Service Act.

"Alumni and their friends," said Captain Markham, "are welcome to visit the Navy Armory Hangar at Auburn and inspect the equipment. The NROTC officers and classrooms are located in Broun Hall."

Further information concerning the NROTC can be found on the back page.



Here's the flashbulb on some of the Auburn alumni who attended the dinner preceding Auburn's game against Florida last month. Coach Earl Brown and Athletic Director Wilbur Hutsell are in the right background.

The Alumni Giving
Program
Is Well Under Way...

1886

T. Pete Zellers, retired hardware dealer, has put "finis" to a very successful business career, and is living at his home, 10 College St., Newnan, Ga. We hope that you will be able to visit Auburn soon, Mr. Zellers.

1896

R. L. Gaines, of Gaines and Jones, Inc., has been in the insurance and real estate business in Dothan for 39 years. Mr. Gaines says that he has "decided to stay here! Hope to make it over the 50-year mark." Mr. Gaines further states: "Am happy over... the election of Dr. Ralph B. Draughon to the presidency of the College." We agree with you 100 per cent, Mr. Gaines. Not a better man could have been selected!

1899

A devoted wife and mother is **Mrs. I. W. Chalker**, wife of Rev. Isaac Watts Chalker, of Citronelle, Ala., and mother of Dr. T. P. Chalker, pastor of the Auburn Methodist Church. The Rev. Chalker, who, although retired, still serves five Methodist congregations in Washington County, Ala., has two parsonages, one in Citronelle and one in Chatom.

Honor Graduate

Mrs. Chalker, an honor graduate of Auburn, "when folks thought women were too dumb to go to college," is a great believer in a college education. Because of their mother's encouragement, Mrs. Chalker's four children all graduated from college.

Mrs. Chalker acts as chauffeur for her husband, who has never learned to drive, in their trips from one church to another. She also presides over her husband's two parsonages.

Robert Leslie "Bob" Newmann, quite a class football player in the left end position while at A.P.I., now lives in Tampa, Fla. They used to call Bob "Leslie," but his nickname has changed over the years, so

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Contribution
Without Delay!

that now he's just "Bob." Bob has been active in the Tampa Auburn Club since its founding.

1901

One of Auburn's most respected and loved alumni is **Dr. Kenneth Bradford**, who practices medicine in Staunton, Va.

Many thanks to **Colonel John H. Skeggs**, of San Francisco, Calif., for wholehearted support of the Alumni Association's program.

1902

A great right halfback on the Auburn team of '98, '99, '00, and '01, and captain of the '01 team, was **Dr. H. B. "Preacher" Park**. Dr. Park is practicing dentistry in Atlanta, Ga., and his presence at Auburn games attests to his loyalty to A.P.I.

1903

Dr. H. F. Troutman, who obtained his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, lives in Logan, W. Va. Dr. Troutman says that the "memories of his college days at dear old Auburn are very happy ones." Dr. Troutman, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity, was exchange editor of the "Orange and Blue" during his junior and senior years at A.P.I.; he was also business manager of the '03 *Glomerata*.

1906

Fred E. Geibel, Auburn electrical engineering graduate, will retire on November 30 as Superintendent of Transportation for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. Now living in Pasadena, Calif., Mr. Geibel originally hailed from Montgomery, Ala., his home town while he was a student at A.P.I.

1907

C. W. "Bill" Streit, Jr., great Auburn football player in '04 and '05, is November Alumnus of the Month. Bill's now with the Southern Cement Company, in Birmingham, Ala., as Vice-President.

Electrical engineering graduate **C. S. Ripley**, of the C. S.

Ripley and Company, Cleveland, Ohio, is an Auburn football fan from way back. Mr. Ripley seldom gets away from his business, but when he does, you can always see him back down in this section of the country rooting for the Auburn team. That is, if tickets are available.

1908

Seen at Homecoming this year: **J. L. Esslinger**, of La Mesa, N.M., on the steps in front of Langdon Hall. Mr. Esslinger is a member of the Auburn "A" Club.

1909

Iralee W. Benns, president of WVOK radio station, the "Voice of Dixie," is living in Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Benns' son, William E. "Billy" Benns, Jr., finished at A.P.I. in '39.

We have heard from the following members of the class of '09 during the past month: **Thomas Beasley**, Winnetka, Ill.; **R. A. Burlson**, Vicksburg, Miss.; **S. C. Daniell**, Port Gibson, Miss.; **Daniel Herren**, East Tallasse, Ala.; **John B. Hodges**, Winfield, Ala.

John L. Kennedy, Florence, Ala.; **Dr. James H. Kyzar**, Andalusia, Ala.; **Thomas E. Middlebrooks**, Montgomery, Ala.; **Bart D. Stephens**, Fredericksburg, Va.; **Laurel F. Summers**, Fairfield, Ala.

The following members of the class of '09 are deceased: **James G. Davis**, **Robert B. Ellyson**, **Joseph D. Eager, Jr.**, **William O. Jelks**, **John B. Steadman**, and **William Swart**.

J. W. Powell, Superintendent of the Florence City Schools, Florence, Ala., and **Roger B. McWhorter**, widely known Auburn engineering alumnus, are planning for a reunion of the class of '09 in June, 1949. That will be the 40th anniversary of the 1909

Deaths

Andrew Beirne Andrews, '96, agent for the National Life Insurance Company of Vermont in Chattanooga, Tenn., died recently in Chattanooga. Mr. Andrews was a member of a distinguished Chattanooga family, and he held manufacturing interests for a number of years before entering the life insurance field.

Honor Certificate

Before his death, Mr. Andrews was issued a certificate honoring his 50-year membership in the organization by Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity. Mr. Andrews was a member of the Masonic Order, a director of the Chattanooga Half-Century Club, and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Cliford LeRoy Hare, dean of the School of Engineering since 1932, died on October 27, in Auburn, Ala.

Walter Greene, '01, of Opelika, Ala., died on the Tuesday before Homecoming this year.

Henry Tichnor DeBardeleben, '92, died suddenly at his Birmingham, Ala., home on November 2.

Maurice I. Bloch, '08, died of a heart ailment at his home in Selma, Ala., on November 6.



Maurice Bloch, '08, died this month at his home in Selma

alumnus, was killed in World War II.

Mr. Bloch's daughters, Adele Gene Bloch and Sarah Ann Bloch, are alumnae of A.P.I.

class' graduation. If you can be of any assistance to Mr. Powell in contacting members of this class, please see him or write to him in care of the Florence, Ala., City Schools.

1911

Every one who attended agrees that **T. J. Miles** and his group of Auburn alumni down in Tampa really staged an excellent dinner during the Florida football game festivities.

1912

When it comes to tracking down "missing" alumni, **J. Gilbert Horning**, doctor of veterinary medicine in Houston, Tex., can't be beat. "Gil" is a master sleuth, better than Sherlock Holmes.

1916

Ask **P. O. Davis**, director of the Extension Service at A.P.I., anything you want to know about cotton and he'll be able to give you a good answer. Mr. Davis put much study, time, and patience on a paper, "Challenges in the Mechanization of Cotton and Related Crops to the Agricultural Extension Services," which he delivered at the Cotton Mechanization Conference, Lubbock, Tex., on October 14.

1917

Mrs. Lansing T. Smith, Jr., nee Annalee Edwards, who now lives in Pensacola, Fla., is a member of an all-Auburn family. Her husband belongs to the class of '19, and Lansing Smith III, '47, is her son. Lansing III is at present with the General Electric Co. in Los Angeles as field engineer for the air conditioning department. He was married last April.

1918

Dean Roger Allen, of the School of Science and Literature, is another of the many alumni who have faithfully aided us in our quest for "missing" alumni.

1919

J. M. Rainier is Vice-President of the Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Ala.

1921

The Alumni Association was very much grieved to hear of the death of **F. S. McFadden**'s father during Homecoming this year. Mr. McFadden, a resident of Montgomery, Ala., and a member of the 1947-48 alumni executive committee, was ab-

sent from Homecoming affairs for that reason.

Words won't express the thanks due to **William F. "Bill" Byrd** and the 1947-48 executive committee of the Alumni Association for the wonderful work they have done for Auburn. They travelled many miles through cold rain and blazing sun to meet when perplexing problems arose. Their alma mater is grateful to them . . . very grateful.

Joe Hare has his own real estate business in Evergreen, Colo., so if you ever want to rent or buy a furnished cottage or a resort hotel out that way, just look him up.

Dr. B. Y. Pennington, of Lake Wales, Fla., started his son, Jimmy Pennington, to Auburn this quarter. Dr. Pennington's family is 100 per cent for Auburn, his nephew, Joe Pennington, having served A.P.I. as a champ 120-yard high hurdler.

1922

The members of the Alumni Association at their annual Homecoming business meeting gave to Auburn's new president, **Dr. Ralph B. Draughon**, and his staff a rising vote of confidence and support.

1923

Marion D. "Buck" Taylor, of Andalusia, Ala., has a son in Auburn this year. Have him drop by to visit us some time, Buck.

1925

Tracy Wilder was elected mayor of Andalusia, Ala., on September 20. Congratulations, Mr. Wilder.

Jeffrey A. Wilson, who studied chemistry and metallurgy at A.P.I., resides in Laurel, Miss.

1926

An alumnus more loyal to his alma mater than is **Bill Perry**, of Camden, Ala., can't be found. Bill is commander of the American Legion in Alabama.

1927

When you're on a vacation trip out Hawaii way, drop by the University of Hawaii at Honolulu and see **Dr. Henry A. Bess**.

Frank T. Walsh's present address is: South Holston Rural Station, Bristol, Tenn.

1928

Auburn alumni have chosen (continued on next page)

Henry T. DeBardeleben, Widely Known Alabama Industrialist, Passes Away

WIDELY KNOWN Birmingham, Ala., industrialist **Henry T. DeBardeleben**, '92, died suddenly at his home in Birmingham, this month.

Chairman of the board of DeBardeleben Coal Corporation at the time of his death, Mr. DeBardeleben served as president of that company from 1923 to 1947. He had been a director of Alabama Fuel and Iron Co. since 1909.

For years, he was a director of the National Coal Association. More recently, he was a director of the Birmingham Coal Institute. He was a director of the Associated Industries of Alabama and was on the National Bituminous Coal Ad-

visory Council, Washington, D. C.

In May, 1942, Mr. DeBardeleben was appointed adviser of the Solid Fuels Administration for War and served until the administration was liquidated in April, 1947.

A member of Kappa Alpha social fraternity, Mr. DeBardeleben was guard on Auburn's first football team in the game against the University of Georgia in 1892. The score of that game was 10-0, in favor of Auburn.

At Auburn, Mr. DeBardeleben further held membership in the Wirt Literary Society. He was a life member of the Auburn Alumni Association.

Former Alumni Association President Dies at His Home in Selma, Alabama

MAURICE I. BLOCH, '08, president of the Auburn Alumni Association from 1933 to 1938, died at his home in Selma, Ala., on November 6.

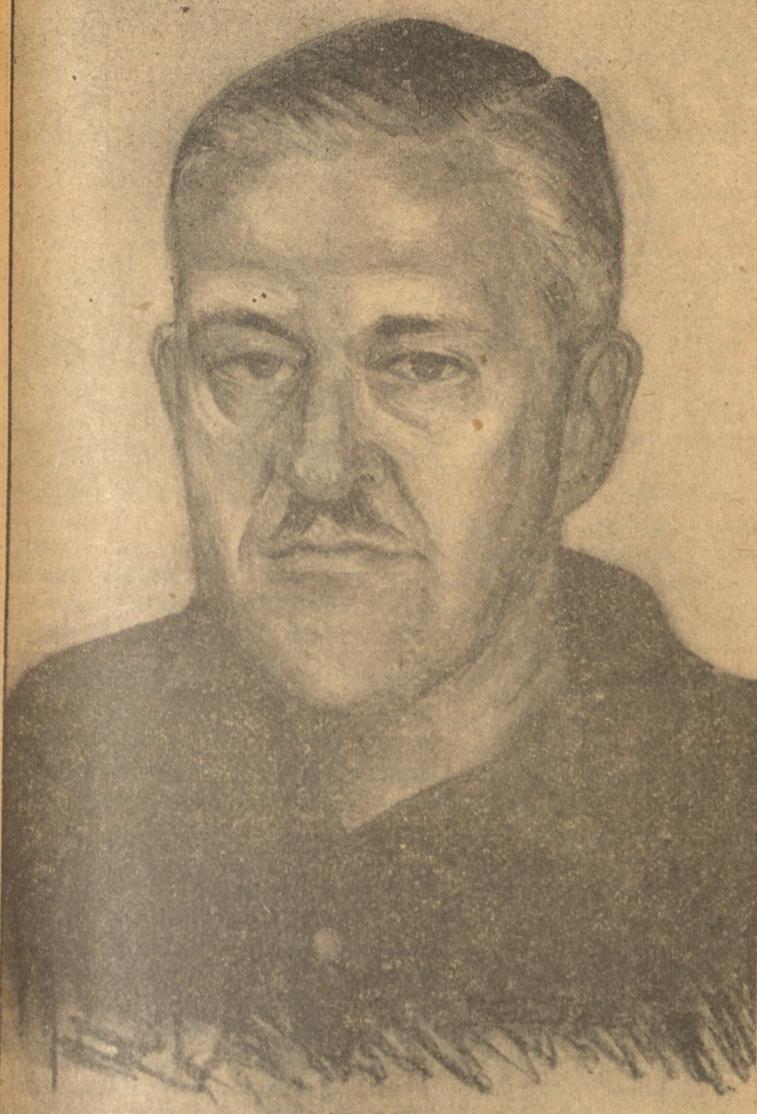
In Selma, Mr. Bloch owned Bloch Brothers, Selma Foundry and Machine Co., and was president of the Dallas Compress Co. He was former president of the Southwestern Baseball League, which he assisted in organizing.

He also served for 10 terms as president of the Selma Baseball Club, as a director of the Associated Industries of Alabama, the Dallas County, Ala., Chamber of Commerce, and the Selma YMCA. He was a member of the Red Cross Executive Committee in Selma and a past director of the City National Bank there.

Mr. Bloch was an honorary member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Tau Epsilon Phi fraternities.

He served in the Army during World War I, and his son, Maurice, Jr., also an Auburn

Wedding BELLS



Bill Spratling did what most dream about doing and succeeded in harnessing his always adventurous spirit for useful purposes

William Spratling's Colorful Life Portrayed in Warner Bros. Film

WARNER BROTHERS has produced a two-reel technicolor special motion picture based on the life of William P. "Bill" Spratling, '21. The picture, entitled "The Man from New Orleans," gives the story of Bill's dream and how he achieved that dream.

The film picks up Bill, played by E. Breeda, as he ventured deep into Mexico in search of material for an architectural course which he had been requested to teach at the University of Mexico. One day, 75 roller-coaster miles from Mexico City, he saw around the curve of a hill a jumble of tiny houses.

There Was Taxco
It was Taxco, an impressively beautiful village with ancient churches and quaint abodes. Bill fell in love with the place and decided to revive the ancient art of jewelry making. He searched Taxco in vain for a silversmith—and then the countryside for 100 miles around.

Finally, he found one old silversmith hidden away in a small Indian village. Even he remembered little and had to be retrained before he could make a few simple pieces Spratling designed for him. From this modest beginning,

Bill Spratling re-created a lost industry in Taxco. The business has grown so that in one year \$1,300,000 worth of beautiful jewelry, tea services, flower bowls, and water pitchers are shipped all over the Americas. Each piece is stamped "Spratling Silver."

A Booming Business
Today, there are more than 600 shops other than Bill's that have sprung up in Taxco, and every year on June 27 the prosperous little village commemorates the opening of Bill's workshop with the Fiesta of Silver.

In the colorful climax of the film, "The Man from New Orleans," Bill Spratling himself is on hand to crown the Queen of the Silver Festival. "The Man from New Orleans" was written and directed by Luis Osorno Barona and produced by Gordon Hollingshead for Warner Brothers. E. Breeda plays the part of Young Bill Spratling.

Bill, whose career has been featured in leading national magazines, was Auburn's Alumnus of the Month in June, 1946. He is now in Juneau, Alaska, for the U.S. Government as Director of Indian Arts and Crafts.

alumni office during September, when he was enrolling his son, Frank, Jr., and daughter, Mary Elizabeth, in Auburn. Mr. Perkins is lubrication engineer for the Gulf Refining Company in Decatur, Ala.

D. O. Sikes is with the Gulf Refining Company in Detroit, Ohio.

Gordon C. Kendal, doctor of veterinary medicine, has his own animal clinic in Montgomery, Ala.

Thanks to Hartwell Davis,

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an excellent president for 1948-49. **Frank Mitchell Malone**, manager of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in Alabama, is both business-like and sincere. He has already spent many days in the alumni office arranging the alumni program for the coming year.

F. N. Perkins came by the

Hendrick-Grogan

Frances Hendrick, '44, to George Calvin Grogan, Jr., Oklahoma City, Okla., in the Baptist Church of Brundidge, Ala.

Hovey-Stephenson

Luellen Hovey, '45, of Opelika, Ala., to Charles V. Stephenson, II, of Centerville, Tenn., on August 29.

Farnham-Hutchison

Helen Hermoine Farnham, of Auburn, Ala., to Herman Cavanaugh Hutchison, '48, of Decatur and Birmingham, Ala., on October 12.

Bidez-Logan

Modesta Beasley Bidez, '48, of Auburn, Ala., to Patrick Henry Logan, '48, of Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga., on October 14.

Mrs. Logan was a member of Kappa Delta social sorority at Auburn. Mr. Logan is a member of Delta Sigma Phi social fraternity, and he now holds a position with Kraft Foods Corp., in Atlanta, Ga.

Summer Weddings . . .

Harris-Woodfin

Jane Harris, of Talladega, Ala., to Paul McLaurin Woodfin, '41, of Selma and Marion, Ala., in June.

Atkinson-Vandegrift

Ruth Atkinson, of Birmingham, Ala., to Erskine Vandegrift, Jr., '43, also of Birmingham, in June.

Heaslett-Halls

Howell-Lett

Katy Lee Howell, of Concord, N.C., to Philip Wood Lett, '44, of Ann Arbor, Mich., in June.

Howland-DeMeritte

Janice Annette Howland, of Silver Springs, Md., to James DeMeritte, '45, of Fairfield, Ala., in June.

Sanford-Williams

Nancy Lee Sanford, of Huntsville, Ala., to Robert Vaughn Williams, '46, of Athens and Huntsville, Ala., in June. Mr. Williams is a member of the Auburn chapter of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity.

Simpson-Johnson

Martha Nell Simpson, '47, of Auburn, Ala., to Paul Edwin Johnson, in June. Mrs. Johnson is a member of Kappa Delta social sorority.

Ratcliff-Pfriem

Mary Melisie Ratcliff, of Opelika, Ala., to John Gray Pfriem, '47, of Springhill, Ala.

Allison-Cox

Joyce Allison, '47, of Birmingham, Ala., to William Thomas Cox, '47, in July.

Pittard-Carroll

Marguerite Alberta Pittard,

of Atlanta, Ga., to Stevan Melton Carroll, Jr., '48, of Birmingham, Ala., in June.

McKinney-Hutto

Barbara McKinney, '48, of Miami, Fla., to John Terrell Hutto, '48, of Jasper, Ala., in September. Mr. Hutto was a member, at A.P.I., of Eta Kappa Nu and Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternities.

Lindsey-Ruth

Frances Lindsey, '48, of Montgomery, Ala., to Charles Leon Ruth, III, also of Montgomery, in June. Mr. Ruth is a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity.

Street-Pharo

Myron Street, '48, to Lawrence Pharo, '48, on September 19, in Gadsden, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. Pharo will reside in Norfolk, Va.

Lyle-McCleskey

Mary Messinger Lyle, to Joseph Rae McCleskey, Jr., '42, of Gadsden, Ala., and Daytona Beach, Fla. Mr. McCleskey is a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity. He served with the First Armored Division in Italy for more than three years during World War II.

Poulk-Youmans

Lucile Poulk, '41, of Opp, Ala., to Ferris Youmans, Jr., of Crestview, Fla., on September 16.

address P. O. Box 198 Shawmut, Ala.

The mailing address of **Fred S. Robbins** is 520 Southern Mutual Building, Athens, Ga.

Mrs. Harold Speed (Eloise Miller) lives in Aliceville, Ala., P. O. Box 325.

Marion P. "Truck" Talley, 3934 Powers Ferry Road, N. W., Atlanta, Ga., has been actively campaigning for the Greater Auburn Club. Many thanks, "Truck," from all of us.

Mrs. Gray Vowell, nee Frances Williams, formerly of Anniston, Ala., now lives in Jacksonville, Ala., where her husband is the Ford, Mercury, and Lincoln dealer. The Vowells have three children, John Scott, Ann, and Lynda.

1932

William Taylor is District Representative for the Merchant Calculating Machines, in Birmingham, Ala.

Bruce Gregory, who is with the Gulf Oil Company in Atlanta, Ga., attended the meeting of the Auburn Club in Atlanta on October 15.

Carolyn R. Nafte is now living at 2322 Dartmouth Ave., Bessemer, Ala.

Phelia Walky, now Mrs. John C. Stephens, has three children, and resides at 1111 N. E. 2nd Street, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

S. Blake Yates has been appointed to the Division of Patent Management of the Research Corporation and will have offices at 405 Lexington Avenue, New York City. Research Corporation is a non-profit industrial and patent management organization whose total net earnings are issued as grants-in-aid to scientific research.

1931

D. B. "Buster" Borden, Lt. Col., (441st CIC Det., GHQ, FEC, % Postmaster, San Francisco) is now in Tokyo and is an active member of the Auburn Far East Club. He writes that a "shindig" is being planned for December 4, and invites all the Alabama crowd out that way.

Kootz A. Patterson, Jr., resides at 609 University Ave., Oxford, Mississippi.

F. Lewis Suarez is teaching at the Pine Crest High School, Lithia, Florida.

We have located **Thomas P. Whitten**. His address is 1109 West Main Street, Dothan, Ala.

1934

Mrs. Marvin Alton Jones, nee Elizabeth Word, lists as her

1935

Mrs. Raymond Hammock, nee Mary Frances Wilks, writes us from Box 33, Centreville, Ala., that she has a son, Raymond Hammock, Jr., born December 15, 1947. Mrs.

Hammock gave us considerable information about her Auburn alumni family. William T. Wilks, '30, is teaching chemistry at State Teachers College, Troy, Ala. His wife is the former Gurley Bright, '41. They have one child.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Johnson, nee Sarah F. Wilks, '32, live at 900 Lovelace Ave., Brewton, Ala., and have two children. Mr. Johnson attended Auburn in '29, '30, and '31.

Harvey A. Wilks, '39, is manager of the Municipal Airport, Lincoln, Nebraska. He is married and has three children.

The mailing address of **Henry J. Lanier** is now % Cowkee Mills, Eufaula, Ala.

W. G. Mellon is residing in Smyrna, Ga.

The address of **Fred Moss**,

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Dean C. L. Hare Dies After Serving At A.P.I. For More Than 50 Years

HEAVEN GAINED a great soul when Dean Clifford LeRoy Hare died on October 27. Dean Hare, a member of the class of '91, became dean of the School of Chemistry and state chemist in 1932, after serving for two years as acting dean of that school.

Having received his pre-college education in private schools at Opelika and Oak Bowery, Ala., Dean Hare entered Auburn in 1888. At A.P.I., he was awarded the first graduate scholarship in chemistry granted by the college.

Founds Georgia Series

During his college years, Dean Hare played substitute quarterback on the football team coached by Dr. George Petrie. Dean Hare and John Kimball, '91, were the founders of the Auburn-Georgia football series.

John Kimball had gone to the University of Georgia from A.P.I., to study law. Via correspondence, the two men arranged the first Auburn game with the Athens team.

Graduate Study

After finishing his graduate work here, Dean Hare went to the University of Missouri, where he tutored freshmen in lab work. At the end of one year—in 1893—he returned to A.P.I. Except for time spent in obtaining his M.A. degree at the University of Michigan and in other graduate study, Dean



Dean Clifford LeRoy Hare, '91, dies at his home in Auburn

Hare has been at Auburn since then.

Dean Hare held membership in the Masons, the Methodist Church, the Rotary Club, Phi Delta Theta social fraternity, Phi Lambda Upsilon, and Phi Kappa Phi. He also served as president of the Southern Athletic Association, as faculty chairman of the Auburn Athletic Committee, as a member of the Auburn City Council, and as a director of the Bank of Auburn.

He is survived by his four daughters, all Auburn graduates, and one son, now studying aeronautical engineering at A.P.I.

Alumnalities

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Jr. is 811 Mississippi Ave. Chattanooga 5, Tenn.

Richard M. Steere has returned to Auburn after two years at MIT, where he taught and did graduate work. He is now an associate professor of electrical engineering, teaching communications. Mr. Steere's wife is the former Emma Bennett Sellers, '36. They have three little boys.

1936

The address of **William C. Blackwell** is Box 167, Route 13, Birmingham 9, Ala.

Mrs. Ralph W. Howell, nee Lilly Mae Johnson, now resides at Hamilton, Ala.

Lucile Mallette, A.P.I. extension service agent in central Alabama, is now doing advance work in Home Economics at the University of Minnesota. Miss Mallette was awarded one of six scholarships offered annually to administrative workers in state extension service and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This is the first such scholarship to be awarded in Alabama. Congratulations—we are proud of you.

1937

Lt. Col. G. R. Creel is back in the States and his address is Room 3D885, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

Lucille "Jitters" Lewis is married to Dr. John Allen Jones, '34, and lives at 1010 Carter Hill, Montgomery, Ala. They have three children.

The address of **Robert M. Mercer** is 1010 Iverson Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

We have heard from the following members of the class of '37: **Mrs. Florence Mc-**

Births

A daughter, Susan Cheryl, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Forrest E. Henderson, of San Francisco, Calif., on September 16. Mr. Henderson is a member of the class of '43.

A daughter was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Blake Campbell, of Evergreen, Ala. Mr. Campbell holds membership in the class of '36.

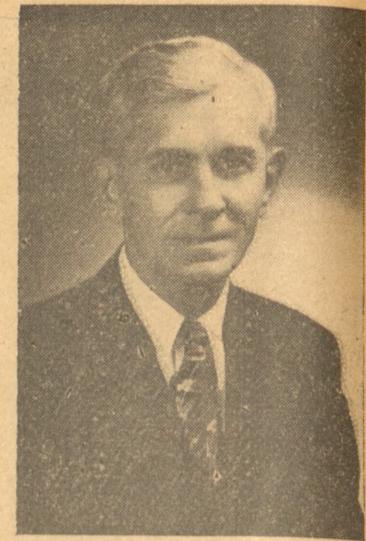
A son, Rodney Wasson, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Willard Roy Grant, of Carterville, Ga., on September 28. Dr. Grant is a member of the class of '44.

A son, Lance Hasquet, was born to Capt. and Mrs. Jack K.

Moore, of the Howard Air Force Base, Canal Zone, Panama, on October 16. Mr. Moore, a member of the class of '43, served in the North African and Mediterranean areas during World War II.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil H. Chilton, of Wilmington, Del., on September 1. Mr. Chilton, a member of the class of '39, is research engineer with the DuPont Co., in Wilmington.

A daughter, Brenda, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Canzoneri, of Montgomery, Ala., last month. Mr. Canzoneri is a member of the class of '43.



P. B. Williamson, originator of the Williamson Football Predicting System, rates a hand for his '48 forecasting

in the state. He also is to supervise the dairy herd improvement association and related programs.

1946

Lt. William B. Creel is a first lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps. Lt. Creel is stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C., in the Second Marine Division.

One of Auburn's most active and conscientious alumni is **Marion Paul Donaldson**, of Enterprise, Ala. Thank you for your recent letter, Mr. Donaldson, and for supporting the cause of a Greater Auburn.

Mrs. Roy Isbell, the former Louise Verle, teaches home economics in the Valley Vocational Senior High School, Fairfax, Ala.

Cullen M. Ward, who graduated from Emory University Law School last June, has opened his law office in the Buckhead Theater Building, Atlanta, Ga.

1947

Joseph Steven Powell has a fellowship at the Institute of Textile Technology, Charlottesville, Va., for graduate study. After his graduation from A.P.I., Mr. Powell taught chemistry here for two quarters. He is a nephew of Prof. P. P. Powell of the chemistry department at Auburn. Mr. Powell holds membership in Phi Lambda Upsilon and Phi Kappa Phi. His home town is Fort Worth, Tex.

Jim E. Sisson teaches English and journalism courses at Mississippi Delta State Teachers College, Cleveland, Miss. Another Auburn alumnus, Dr. Albert L. Young, '10, is head of the department of education at that institution.

Mrs. Lurla B. Funderburg has changed her address from Paris, Tenn., to Birmingham, Ala.

Thanks to **Robert B. Carter**, Jr., of Magnolia, Ark., for his helpful suggestions to the Alumni Association.

1948

Mrs. L. F. Johnson, the former Christine Bennett, has her home in Opelika, Ala.

Frank Sego, Auburn Sports Publicity Director until last August 1, has been appointed Director of Public Relations for the Montgomery Rebels baseball club of the Southeastern League, and also of the Montgomery Rebels of the Southern Pro basketball league. Mr. Sego served as A.P.I. Sports Publicity Director for 14 months. He is a veteran of three years' service in the U. S. Army during World War II.

Frank C. Ellis is at present connected with the Sargent (continued on page eleven)

1938

Cecil H. Chilton is employed as Research Engineer by DuPont Co., Wilmington, Del.

Mary M. Kendrick is Home Demonstration Agent of Lawrence County, Ala. Her address is Box 163, Moulton, Ala.

Thanks to **Charles F. Grisham** for his recent letter to the Alumni Office.

Mrs. C. Y. Martin, formerly Thelma Byrd Carroll, lives at

1942

Lawrence J. McMillan now resides in Augusta, Ga.

Russell E. Stewart, of New Orleans, La., voiced the Auburn Spirit when he said in a letter last month: "I'll be pulling for them (the Tigers) every game and hope to shout a few 'War Eagles' before the year is out." We'll be in the stands shoutin' with you, Mr. Stewart!

Mrs. Robert Beckman, nee Billie Owen, now makes her home in Fairfax, Ala.

Arthur M. Wallace is residing in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Mrs. Claire Lasseeter Browne

Jack-of-all-Trades

SAYS GEORGE A. MILLER, JR., '16, Colonel in the Officers Reserve Corps and Commanding Officer of the 151st Eastern Pennsylvania Ordnance Arsenal Group: "Without the engineering background which started in my college studies, I could not have entered the field of Ordnance Engineering which I have followed for over 20 years."

Colonel Miller is presently executing the normal peacetime operations of the Army's Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, ordnance factory, and as Chief of the Small Arms Ammunition Division, he has 700 employees under his direction.

George Miller entered Auburn because of the excellent reputation of the teaching staff in the Chemical Engineering Department. He had heard of A.P.I.'s outstanding Professors B. B. Ross, C. L. Hare, and P. P. Powell, and of School of Engineering Dean J. J. Wilmore.

College Activities

At Auburn, Colonel Miller was a member of the **Glomerata** Staff in 1916, and a Lieutenant in the Corps of Cadets. "I also was a very unsuccessful singer and part time accompanist with the Glee Club," he adds.

Soon after his graduation, George Miller was placed in charge of the Metallographic Laboratory (manufacturing small arms ammunition) within the Remington Arms-UMC Company, of Bridgeport, Connecticut. Today, that organization is known as the Remington Arms Company.

Metallurgist

For five years thereafter, he was the metallurgist in charge of metallurgical research at the Frankfort Arsenal, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During this period, he became a member of the Ordnance Metallurgical Board of the War Department and carried out special research work on problems in ballistics and design of small arms ammunition.

Of special interest was his perfection at this time of a

method of photographing projectiles in flight and of the passage of armor piercing bullets through armor plate. By the use of data from these pictures, re-design and improvement of bullet shapes was accomplished.

Jack-of-all-Trades

Like Thomas Jefferson, Colonel Miller is a Jack-of-all-trades. After leaving the Frankford Arsenal in 1922, he conducted his own business in Florida, modernizing an orange grove which his father had owned for many years and working up a fairly lucrative business as an analytical and consulting chemist with a small laboratory which he installed at Weirsdale, Florida.

There, he specialized in testing citrus fruits for maturity and in analytical work on feeds and fertilizers.

In 1934, Colonel Miller was offered an opportunity to return to Frankford Arsenal. With World War II shaping up, he was able to put the intervening years to good purpose by assisting in preparing the arsenal for the heavy load it was to bear in only a few years.

Recalling the United States' troubles in World War I, from impending shortages of critical materials, especially tungsten, Colonel Miller conducted research work on substitute steels in an attempt to find one to take the place of tungsten, then in use for bullet cores.

A part of this research he used to prepare a thesis for which Auburn gave him the degree in chemical engineering in May, 1936. His original degree was one of those complex ones of which only a few were given: B. Sc. in Chemistry and Metallurgy.

Develops Steel Substitute

Upon completion of the research work at Frankford, Colonel Miller developed a successful substitute steel which contained no critical elements, and which was equal in all respects to the tungsten steel formerly used. For this work, the War Department gave him

a citation and conferred upon him the Exceptional Civilian Service Medal.

When the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor, Frankford Arsenal was prepared to carry its share of the work until larger plants could be built and placed in operation. In 1942, George Miller was commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel in the Ordnance Department and placed in charge of the Small Arms division, which at the peak of operation had 8600 employees working three shifts.

During the war years, Colonel Miller's staff carried out successful research and design work on small arms ammunition industry. Miller was a member of the Small Arms Ammunition Industry Integration Committee and of the Joint War Production Subcommittee of the War Department.

Legion of Merit

His design work on a special type of small arms cartridge was of such value to the war effort that Colonel Miller was awarded the Legion of Merit and a special citation.

After the European portion of World War II had ended, Miller was sent to visit France, Germany, Holland, Luxembourg, Belgium, and England to study the small arms ammunition factories and industrial plants in those countries. It was then that he received his promotion to full colonelcy, and received a decoration from Luxembourg: the Grand Ducal Order, Couronne de Chene, Grade of Officier.

On Inactive Duty

With the capitulation of the Japanese, the Frankford arsenal reverted to peacetime operation. In March, 1946, Colonel Miller went on inactive duty but remained in charge of the Small Arms Ammunition Division. In February, 1946, just prior to relief from duty, he was cited by the Chief of Ordnance for meritorious service and was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon.

Sent to Turkey

In December, 1947, he was



George A. Miller, C. O. of the 151st Eastern Penna. Ordnance Arsenal Group, is awarded many merits by the U.S. for his chemical findings and steel developments during the last war

recalled to active duty and sent to Turkey on a special mission for the War Department. He completed this mission in February of 1948, and in the following May was once more recalled to active duty to act as Technical Advisor to a group of Turkish officers on an industrial tour of the eastern United States.

Memberships

Colonel Miller is married to the former Lillian Alvis, of Auburn. He is a member of the Memorial Presbyterian Church of St. Augustine, Fla., Past Master of Leesburg Lodge No. 58, F and AM, Leesburg, Fla., a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason of Tampa, Fla., Consistory and Lu Lu Temple, Shrine, of Philadelphia (he is a member of the Ceremonial

Producers of that Temple), and Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Florida, Order of the Eastern Star.

He is also an honorary member of the Auburn, Alabama, chapter of the OES, president of the Frankford Arsenal Employees Square Club in Philadelphia, and a member of the American Ordnance Association.

He is a technical expert consultant to the Small Arms Ammunition Subcommittee of the latter, and a registered professional metallurgical engineer in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Last but not least, Colonel Miller is an active member of the Auburn Alumni Association.

W. E. "Bill" Sewell, '24 Resides In Wyoming, Works in Ivorydale

IVORYDALE, OHIO

WYOMING, OHIO

AND BUCKEYE, Too. There you have the ingredients for the story of William E. "Bill" Sewell, '24, head of the Products Service Department in the Technical Division of the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company, subsidiary of Proctor and Gamble.

Dr. Sewell lives in Wyoming and works in Ivorydale. Regardless of their names, both are cities in Ohio.

In 1924, having received his B.S. from A.P.I. Dr. Sewell went to the University of Missouri on a scholarship, and there he obtained his M.S. degree.

He returned to Auburn in January of 1926, as an instructor in animal husbandry. Later, he was made a professor and also, animal husbandman in the Animal Husbandry Department of the School of Agriculture.

He went with the Chemical Division of Proctor and Gamble in 1946.

Dr. Sewell is married to the



Former A.P.I. Professor W. E. Sewell holds important position with Buckeye Company

former Catherine McSwean. They have two children: a son, Bill, Jr., and a daughter, Catherine.

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Gerke Co., in Montgomery, Ala.

Charles E. Williams, Jr., is employed in the Production Research Department of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, in Houston, Tex.

Mrs. Lillian Mathews, formerly of Heflin, Ala., is now teaching in McCombs, Miss.

An active alumnus in Albany, Ga., is Robert F. Truitt, who received his B.S. degree in business administration.

Thomas J. Sellers, Jr., visited Auburn during the last part of October. Tom, who saw much service in the European theatre during World War II, is with Associated Press in Birmingham, Ala. He was managing editor of the *Auburn Plainsman* before his graduation. The *Plainsman* won a first class prize while he was serving it as managing editor last spring. What Auburn students and professors remember him most for, though, is the excellent student handbook which he edited this year.

Donald C. King, who studied aeronautical administration at A.P.I., is situated in New London, Conn.

Edward V. Parnell, Jr., is

Quiet John Little, '90, Takes In Almost All Auburn Functions

HAVING GRADUATED in 1890, and having now reached the age of 79, Auburn's John H. Little was just right for the Tampa party. President of the Tampa Auburn Club, Tom Miles, '11, was recognizing those in attendance when Mr. Little quietly rose and announced his presence.

He was most unconcerned about being there. Apparently, there is nothing unusual about his getting around. Especially to Auburn meetings. Mr. Little was at the Homecoming celebration this year, and, besides that, he attended the Mississippi Southern game in Montgomery.

Boyhood in Auburn

Much of his boyhood was spent in Auburn, his birthplace. He is now retired in Tampa, except for the time he spends at his orange grove.

Mrs. J. L. Webb, his daughter, lives in Montgomery, Alabama. Alumni who attended the Tampa party will remember her as the very attractive red-haired young lady who accompanied her father to the football game with Florida.

While at A.P.I., Mr. Little studied agriculture, chemistry, and other subjects, rather limited in number at that time.

Among his fondest memories are those of his classmates. Also, well does he remember the burning of Samford Hall in June of 1877, for his was the first class to graduate after the fire.

All of the success of his 79 years he attributes to Auburn.

"If you had what Doctor Broun, Smith, General Lane, and the others had to give you," he said, "you had plenty to carry you along."

with the National Cash Register Company, with his office in Albany, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Snipes,

Jr., are living in Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Snipes is a member of the class of '47 and Mrs. Snipes belongs to the class of '43.

Research . . . Instruction . . . Extension

Research on Peanut Diseases

By Marion J. Funchess

Director, A.P.I. Experiment Station

THE SHORTAGE of vegetable oils during World War II resulted in a tremendous increase in peanut acreage. This increase in acreage and the accompanying changes in methods of production emphasized the importance of peanut diseases on the farmers' income.

When the growers stopped shelling seed by hand and started using machinery, there was a marked increase in seed rot, and poor stands became more common. More peanuts provided better conditions for leafspot and this disease increased.

There was not enough labor to stack all peanuts. Consequently, many of them were cured in piles on the ground or in poorly constructed stacks.

Another trouble, known as concealed damage, became common. This disease, which is invisible until the seed is broken open, destroys the flavor of the nut and makes it unfit for human consumption.

These three diseases, particularly, reduced the farmers' income by lowering the yield or by causing the nuts to sell at a lower price.

Results of Research

Research, started in 1944 in the A.P.I. Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, has resulted in recommendations for effective control of three diseases mentioned above. Tests showed that seed rots could be reduced to a minimum by applying certain chemical dust treatments to the seed before planting. Almost 100 per cent of the seed peanuts in Alabama now are treated before planting.

Experiments on leafspot control have shown that the use of dusting sulfur yields a net profit of 15 to 20 dollars per acre.

Concealed damage is caused by a soil-inhabiting fungus. Since infection cannot be prevented, control is centered around methods that reduce the moisture content quickly and prevent development of infections that do occur.

These recommendations, if followed by all Alabama growers, would result in a saving of 5 to 10 million dollars per year.

Research In Education

By Russell S. Poor

Dean, Graduate School

FEW OF US REALIZE how much we are dependent upon teacher training programs in our colleges. Institutions of higher education must have graduates from secondary schools, and these in turn must be supplied with students from the elementary grades.

The products of these levels can be no better trained than it is possible for their teachers to make them. Better teachers turn out better students for everyday life and for college.

The basic fact motivates American education. A teacher's formal training today does not end with a four-year college program! Increasing numbers of schools are requiring the master's degree for appointment to faculty rank.

Graduate Study a "Must"

All cities in Alabama do not require their faculties to have advanced degrees, but most counties and all of the larger cities in the State offer a salary increase to the teacher who possesses a master's degree. Professional improvement through graduate study is a "must" for any teacher today.

An analytical quality of mind which en-



Dean Poor

The NROTC At Auburn

By Captain L. M. Markham, Jr.

Professor of Naval Science

THE NAVY HAS landed at Auburn. Beached at A.P.I. are a number of boys in bluecoats who are attending school under Operation "Holloway Plan," or Public Law 729, which the 79th Congress passed when it realized the need for a larger number of career naval officers than the U.S. Naval Academy could supply.

College students enrolled at A.P.I. under the "Holloway Plan" receive four years of tuition-free college education at the government's expense and are afforded the opportunity to continue in the Naval Service on the same basis as graduates of the Naval Academy.

Under this plan, 52 colleges and universities throughout the entire United States have, as one of their departments, a Naval ROTC Unit. This NROTC Regular scholarship program provides eligible high school seniors and graduates between the ages of 17 and 21 a full four-year, government-sponsored college education. Included in this, the Navy Department bears the expense of tuition, books, normal fees required by the colleges, and a \$50 per month living allowance.

Application for Scholarship

All candidates for this program must submit their applications to the Naval Examining Section of the Education Testing Service, P. O. Box 709, Princeton, N.J., for authority to take the Navy College Aptitude Tests, which will be conducted on December 11.

Applications must be submitted on blanks which will be available at all colleges, high schools, Offices of Naval Officer Procurement, professors of naval science, and Navy recruiting stations. These applications must be filled out and received in Princeton, N.J., no later than November 15.

Required Duties

The NROTC student may take any course he desires, leading to a bachelor or higher degree, but he must include in his curriculum certain required subjects. In addition, he is obliged to participate in Naval drills and cruises and, if qualified upon graduation, to accept a commission in the Regular Navy or Marine Corps. After two years of active duty, he may transfer to the Reserve Corps and return to civilian life, or he may request retention in the regular service.

The midshipmen undergo additional training during three intervening summers of their college careers by participating in cruises aboard the Navy's ships. They are assigned positions of responsibility aboard these ships during summer cruises.

What Is Studied

By the time he graduates, each new ensign will have studied all phases of naval history, seamanship, ordnance and gunnery, navigation, marine engineering, naval administration, and leadership. He will have put to use the knowledge he has gained from textbooks and drills by performing the duties for which he has been trained aboard Navy ships.

ables a teacher to quickly detect critical elements in a teaching situation can be produced through graduate study. At Auburn, the Graduate School urges candidates for the master's degree to learn research techniques and to prepare a written report (thesis) upon some classroom situation or other local school problem.

The Pressing Need

The urgent need of teachers today is an ability to analyze quickly a critical situation, to organize properly an attack upon a specific problem, to know how to ferret out what has been done elsewhere under similar conditions, and to synthesize these elements into a workable plan of action in solving the problem. Graduate re-

The Home Division Of Extension Work

By P. O. Davis

Director, A.P.I. Extension Service

MOST PEOPLE THINK of agriculture when they think of the Extension Service of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. But the home division is just as important, because farming and farm living are co-ordinate.

One does not thrive unless the other thrives with it. The finest unit of any society is a good farm with a happy family living in a modern home on it.

In Alabama, therefore, we think of the home division of extension work as an equal partner of, and a companion to, the home site. Our extension personnel in each county, and on the state staff, work together accordingly.

Director Davis The initial home project of extension work was canning tomatoes. The aim, of course, was to improve food.

Step by step the work expanded until today our "curriculum" in home demonstration work includes every phase of the economy of farm women and girls.

Major Lines of Work

Major lines of work now being promoted are, food production, food preservation and conservation, clothing, handicraft, home management, home furnishings, child care, family life.

Each county has a home demonstration agent; and 42 counties have an assistant home agent. Others are being added as funds and personnel become available.

There is abundant evidence as to the effectiveness of home demonstration work. The impression most often heard is about as follows: "Ten years ago it was easy to identify a country girl; now country and town girls all look alike." Home demonstration work caused most of this change.

Most of our home demonstration work is through community clubs, of which 1,335 are now operating in Alabama, meeting monthly, with 42,583 members. These are clubs of women. To them we add 1,553 clubs for 4-H girls with 43,774 members.

These community clubs are organized into county clubs and the county clubs into the Alabama Council of Home Demonstration Women.

The 4-H girls, too, have their county councils and also their state council which has an important part in the annual state short course at Auburn. Many of them come to Auburn for their college education. Some go elsewhere, but all are better prepared for living by home demonstration work.

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search offers this type of training; additional course work does not.

Through the summer of 1948, approximately 56 per cent (748) of all master's degrees awarded at A.P.I. have been granted to teachers and prospective teachers. Of these, less than 10 per cent actually learned research techniques. This proportion of research workers in the field of education should increase.

Graduate work is available in elementary and secondary education in both curriculum, and supervision and administration. Other fields include guidance, philosophy of education, psychology, administration, and physical education.